

In Loving Memory of



Deacon Max Dennis

MARCH 31, 2021

Eight-Thirty in the Morning



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The Life of A Faithful Servant

MAX SINGER DENNIS



Max Singer Dennis was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the union of Carey Dennis, Sr. and Frances Richardson Dennis.

Max was the fifth of six children. Max was preceded in death by his parents, older brother Melford David (Timothy) Dennis, sisters Pearl Miriam Frances Joseph, and Helen Breckenridge, and granddaughter Paige Imani Dennis.

Max's religious training began in the family home under the love and care of his Christian parents. The Dennis family attended Sixth Street Church of God in Christ (later known as First Church of God in Christ), located at 2919 Sixth Street.

Max's formal education began in the home of Delores Breaux in a kindergarten/head start program. He attended elementary school at Sylvania F. Williams school on Thalia Street, then John W. Hoffman Junior High on the corner of Third and Claiborne Avenue, and finally Booker T. Washington High School on Roman and Erato Streets. In high school Max's favorite class was printing, which would have a profound impact on his life. Throughout his school years, Max would make many friends.

After high school graduation a neighbor named Mr. Martin stopped by the house and asked for Max. Mr. Martin explained to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis that he owned a printing shop in Milwaukee and Max was recommended to Mr. Martin by his printing shop teacher, Mr. Von Phul. After consulting with his parents, Max left New Orleans and went to Milwaukee to work at Martin Press. It was the furthest he had been from home.

Max joined Morris Temple Church of God in Christ under the pastorage of Bishop Walter Morris. In January 1949 during a revival meeting at Morris Temple conducted by Elder Barrett from Chicago, Max received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was a joyous experience and remained a stabilizing force for the rest of his life.

After an honorable discharge from the army, Max was united in matrimony to Eardell Anderson December 12, 1953 at the First Church of God in Christ. To this union three children were born: Cedrick Max Dennis, Donna Nora Frances Dennis, and Shawn Mark Dennis.

Max and Eardell eventually moved to Texarkana, Texas where they attended Rose Hill Church of God in Christ. Max got a job at the Texarkana Mail Terminal for the United States Post Office. After one year of probation, Max's request for a transfer to San Francisco, California was accepted, and the couple headed west. They initially lived in Daly City, before moving to South San Francisco and finally settling in Hayward.

Max loved the Lord and was a member of Emanuel Church of God in Christ in San Francisco under the leadership of Bishop E. E. Hamilton, Elder James E. Briggs, and Elder John W. Williams. At Emanuel he sang in the choir and served on the Deacon Board. God would lead Max and Eardell to join the Glad Tidings International Church of God in Christ in Hayward under the leadership of Bishop Jerry W. Macklin, where again he served as a deacon. Max was a faithful member of Glad Tidings International. Even when his health precluded him from attending in person, he enjoyed watching the livestream on his laptop.

He was faithful to the Lord until He called him home.

Max leaves behind his wife: Eardell Dennis of Hayward; two sons: Cedricke Dennis of Fairfield, Shawn Dennis (Pamela) of Hayward; one daughter: Donna Dennis of Emeryville; one grandson: Daniel Dennis of Sacramento; two brothers: Carey Dennis, Jr. of Dallas, Texas and Windsor Dennis of New Orleans, Louisiana; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional	Family & Clergy
Invocation	Elder Richard Bulnes
Old Testament Scripture	Elder Gary Capers
New Testament Scripture	Pastor John L. Johnson
Solo	Deacon Larry Harris
Reflections from his pastor	Bishop J. W. Macklin Pastor, Glad Tidings International COGIC Prelate, NorCal Metropolitan Jurisdiction First Assistant Presiding Bishop, COGIC
Words and reflections from clergy	Pastor John L. Johnson New Life Christian Fellowship COGIC Pastor Albert C. Macklin, IV New Sweet Home COGIC Elder Richard Bulnes Elder Gary Capers Elder Aaron Macklin

Special Tributes

Deacon Board – Deacon Fulton Brinkley
US Postal Service – Dave Buencamino
Brother – Windsor Dennis, M.D.
Grandchildren – Daniel Dennis
Children – Cedricke Dennis, Donna Dennis, Pamela Dennis

Resolutions, cards, & Acknowledgements	Missionary Gerri Rogers
Obituary “The Life of a Faithful Servant”	Missionary Gerri Rogers
Musical Selection	Pastor Albert C. Macklin IV
Eulogy	Elder Shawn M. Dennis
Prayer of Comfort and Consolation	Bishop Jerry W. Macklin





When Tomorrow Starts Without Me



WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME
AND I'M NOT THERE TO SEE,
IF THE SUN SHOULD RISE AND FIND YOUR EYES
ALL FILLED WITH TEARS FOR ME.

I WISH SO MUCH THAT YOU WOULDN'T CRY
THE WAY YOU DID TODAY
WHILE THINKING OF THE MANY THINGS
WE DIDN'T GET TO SAY.

I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME,
AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU
AND EACH TIME THAT YOU THINK OF ME,
I KNOW YOU'LL MISS ME, TOO.

BUT WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME,
PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND
THAT AN ANGER CAME AND CALLED MY NAME
AND TOOK ME BY THE HAND.

THEY SAID MY PLACE WAS READY
IN HEAVEN FAR ABOVE
AND THAT I'D HAVE TO LEAVE BEHIND
ALL THOSE I DEARLY LOVE

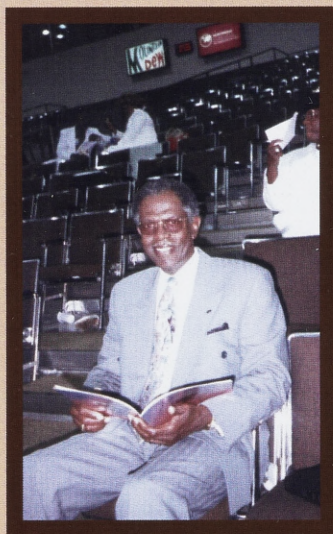
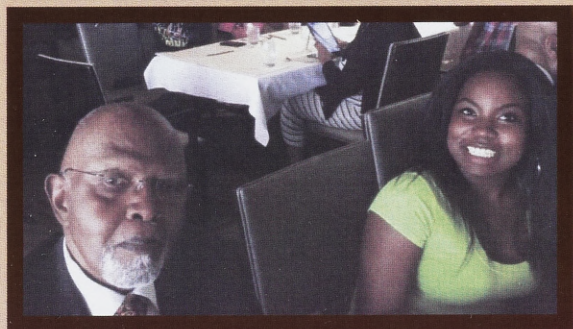
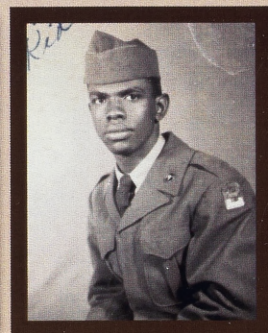
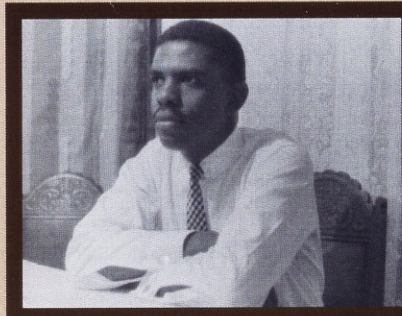
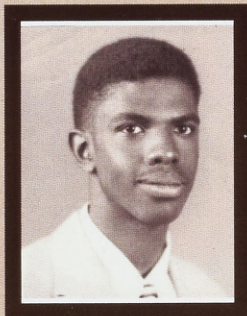
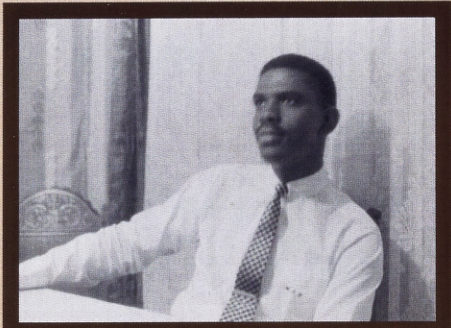
BUT WHEN I WALKED THROUGH HEAVEN'S GATES
I FELT SO MUCH AT HOME
WHEN GOD LOOKED DOWN AND SMILED AT ME
FROM HIS GREAT GOLDEN THRONE.

HE SAID, "THIS IS ETERNITY
AND ALL I PROMISED YOU
TODAY YOUR LIFE ON EARTH IS PAST,
BUT HERE IT STARTS ANEW.

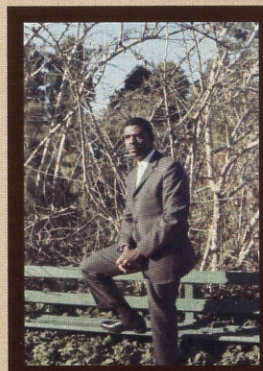
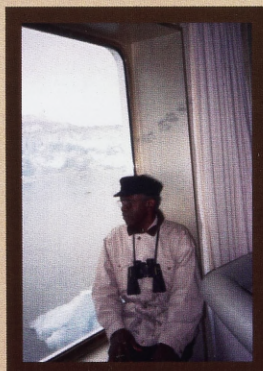
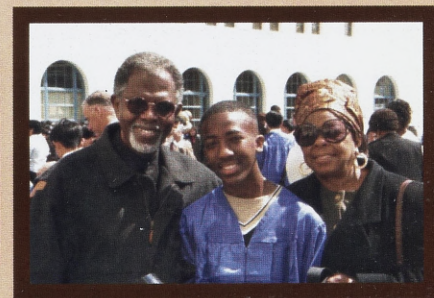
I PROMISE NO TOMORROW
FOR TODAY WILL ALWAYS LAST.
AND SINCE EACH DAY IS THE SAME
THERE'S NO LONGING FOR THE PAST."

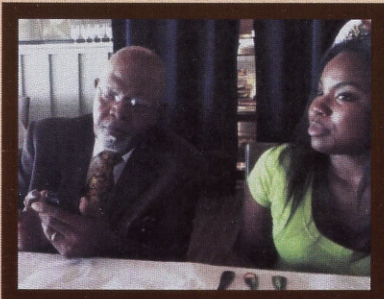
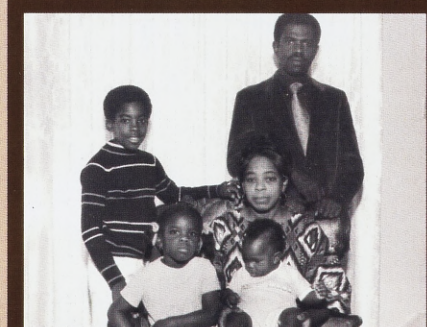
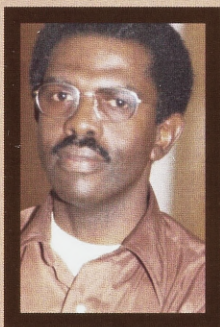
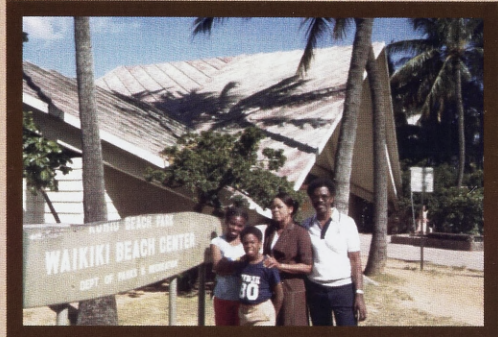
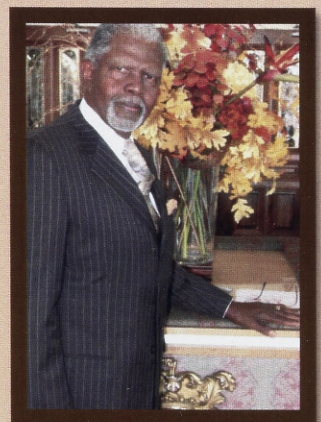
SO, WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME
DON'T THINK WE'RE FAR APART
FOR EVERY TIME YOU THINK OF ME
I'M RIGHT HERE IN YOUR HEART.





Forever In Our Hearts





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Acknowledgements



We, the family, thank each of you for your many kind thoughts, prayers and deeds, shown toward us during this difficult time. Your expression of love and compassion have not gone unnoticed, and have touched our hearts and lives in a very special way.

We pray God's blessings upon you, and we love you.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to
Bishop J.W. and First Lady Vanessa J. Macklin
and the entire Glad Tidings International Church of God in Christ family.

Special thank you to
Pastor Albert C. Macklin, IV of the New Sweet Home Church of God in Christ

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